

leadership, a new way of looking at our future. We will draw on our courage to create a system of government that does more than just talk about meeting Nebraskans' needs, a system of government that is efficient, flexible and focused. We will draw on our courage to create a fundamental new way of governing that is permanent, that won't end with a change in administration, or with the influence of any one individual or group. We will draw on our courage to create government true to the federalist system initiated by our founding fathers, a system Americans believe in, a system based on good common sense, on fairness and on opportunity. This will be our legacy. As your Governor, I pledge to uphold the trust Nebraskans have placed in me to continue making government responsible and responsive. And now I ask you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature and my fellow Nebraskans, to join in this commitment to change, rational change toward making the good life of Nebraska even better! Thank you very much. (Applause.)

SPEAKER WITH THEM: Thank you very much, Governor. We would now ask the escort committees to come to the front of the Chamber, in the reverse order in which they entered. First the committee escorting the Governor, followed by the committee escorting the Lieutenant Governor, the family...excuse me, the Governor, the family of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the family of the Lieutenant Governor, the members of the Nebraska Supreme Court, and so on, as listed on the sheet.

(The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Justice, associate judges, newly elected state officials, congressional delegation and families were escorted from the Chamber.)

SPEAKER WITH THEM: The escort committees may wish to come up around the outside aisles to expedite the process. Would announce that the elected officials just sworn in will be available, in the receiving line, in the Great Hall, the reception following in the Governor's Hearing Room. Mr. Clerk, are there any other items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, one item. I have a new resolution. (Read brief summary of LR 5. See pages 137-38 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be laid over. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITH THEM: The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek for a motion.